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Via Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58
2015 ETC Annual Report of Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC d/b/a Otelco
Study Area Code 250283**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC d/b/a Otelco ("Company"), JSI files the attached confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.¹ Company seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information.² The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. In addition, attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment under Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of its Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan as required by Section 54.313(a)(1).³

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division (two copies, ~~Confidential~~)

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¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

² *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Protective Order, DA 12-1857 rel. Nov. 16, 2012 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, 54.313(a)(1).



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Request for Confidentiality**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI"), on behalf of its client Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC d/b/a Otelco (the "Company") hereby requests, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules,¹ withholding from public inspection certain information contained in an attachment to the above referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).²

1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company's annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules ("Report").³
2. Pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(1), Rate-of-Return Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") must file with the Commission a Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan ("Progress Report") which is contained in the attachment to the 2015 Report.⁴
3. The information contained in attachment for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

² 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313(a)(1).

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4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the subject attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information is of a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 112 attachment contains competitively sensitive information related to proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance the Company's network.

In its *March 5, 2013 Order*, the FCC. The FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories."⁵ The Company's Progress Report updates this information as well as provides maps and detailed information as to whether or not network improvement objectives were achieved at the wire center level. Accordingly, because the Company is a rate-of-return carrier, it must file Progress Reports which contain proprietary, competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network including the specific locations of customers as well as describe proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance of its network throughout its service area. Specifically, this information sets forth services provided by the Company over its existing network including specific locations of customers as well as planned network improvement and maintenance for the years 2015 through 2019 including project start and completion dates, population that will be impacted by the improvements and upgrades at the wire center level and projected capital costs associated with the improvements and upgrades and operating costs associated with maintaining the network including depreciation for investments that have already been made. As such, this information contains competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network as well as detailed plans at the wire center level for network upgrades and maintenance projected for the years 2015 through 2019.

5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the Line 112 attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. This information is proprietary to the Company, is unique to the Company's serving territory and is only known to the Company and its authorized agents. If the Information is not protected, it would have economic value to potential competitors who would be able to target their marketing to specific customers. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive. If publicly disclosed, it would enable competitors to craft business plans that capitalize on their knowledge of the locations of the Company's customers which would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage.
6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing the attachment under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the

⁵ See *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket 10-90 *et al.*, Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("*March 5, 2013 Order*") at para 9 citing Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

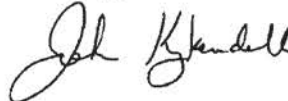
Progress Report to ensure that its customers continue to receive state-of-the-art high quality telecommunications and broadband services that the Company has been providing to them for many years as well as to satisfy mandatory reporting requirements and does not share the information for which protection is sought. The Company protects the secrecy of this information with a security protocol that ensures the information is not inadvertently disclosed or disseminated. Only directors, managers and employees with a direct need to know are authorized to access the information.

7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.
8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.
9. Not applicable.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



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<010> Study Area Code	250283	Accepted / Filed
<015> Study Area Name	Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company	
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<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Megan Cobleigh	
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	2079929050 ext.	Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	megan.cobleigh@ottcommunications.com	

Completion Required	Completion Required
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<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> -- check box if no outages to report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<410> Fixed	0.156	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510> 250282a1510.pdf	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<610> 250282a1610.pdf	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010>	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No)	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet			
<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	250283
<015>	Study Area Name	Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company
<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Megan Cobleigh
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2079929050 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	megan.cobleigh@ottcommunications.com
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

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Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
- <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Not Applicable

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(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	megan.cobleigh@ottcommunications.com

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(700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form

<010>	Study Area Code	250283
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<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Megan Cobleigh
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2079929050 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	megan.cobleigh@ottcommunications.com

<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2015
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	19.72

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(710) Broadband-Price Offerings Data Collection Form FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0665/OMB Control No. 3060-0813 July 2015

<010>	Study Area Code	250283
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<020>	Program Year	2016
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	megan.cobleigh@ottcommunications.com

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(890) Operating Companies
 Data Collection Form

<010>	Study Area Code	250283
<015>	Study Area Name	Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company
<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Megan Cobleigh
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2079929050 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	megan.cobleigh@ottcommunications.com
<810>	Reporting Carrier	Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	Otelco Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company

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**[500] Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FD-1 Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0988/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
JAN 2015

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<020>	Program Year	2016
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	megan.cobleigh@ottcommunications.com

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

[illegible]

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

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**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	megan.cobleigh@ottcommunications.com

<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers		PLA Form 483
Lifeline		GD&S Control No. 3060-0986/GMS Control No. 3060-0819
Data Collection Form		Rev 2012

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP http://www.otelco-alabama.com/images/pdf/Brindlee_Mountain_Price_List_00055735-48.pdf

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

Data Collection Form

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3008-0080/OMB Control No. 3008-0025

Rev. 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	250263
<015>	Study Area Name	Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company
<020>	Program Year	2016
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2079929090 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	megan.cobleigh@bctcommunications.com

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i)
 <2011a> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii)
 <2011b> Attachment (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii)

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1))
 <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2))
 <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3))
 <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4))

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
 <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
 <2019> Interim Progress Certification
 <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

(Include Area Of Return Carrier Address of Public Institution)
 Data Collection Form

<01D> Study Area Code 250283
 <01S> Study Area Name Brindley Mountain Telephone Company
 <02D> Program Year 2016
 <03D> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Megan Cobbleish
 <03S> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <03D> 2079999950 ext.
 <03S> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <03D> megan_cobbleish@communications.com

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

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 Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(1)(f), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☒

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 Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(g))

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) ☒

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report ☒

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) ☐

(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
 (Yes/No) (Yes/No)

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications ☐

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

(3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit ☐

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers, ☐

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant ☐

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(2000) Form OF Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	
Data Collection Form	
OMB Number 3045-0047, Public Law 106-581	

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

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Certification of Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form Form 1040-2016	Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form Form 1040-2016
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	megan.cobleigh@ottcommunications.com

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>JSI</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	JSI
Name of Reporting Carrier:	Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/19/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Dennis Andrews
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Senior Vice President
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	2565861420 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	250283 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	JSI
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/19/2015
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Tanea Davis Foglia
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Manager - Regulatory Affairs
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	3014597590 ext.
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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT - LINE 112

**Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and
Progress Report**

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC
Line 510

Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

The company complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protections, including, without limitation: (1) compiling and submitting monthly trouble index data to the Alabama Public Service Commission ("ALPSC"); (2) maintaining local service tariffs and price lists on file, giving notice of changes to such tariffs and price lists to the ALPSC, and making rate and service information available for public inspection at the company's offices and on its website; (4) clearly listing all charges and credits on customers' bills; (5) providing full and prompt investigation of, and response to, customer complaints in accordance with dispute resolution procedures established by the ALPSC; (6) providing access to enhanced 911; (7) participating in a statewide system to assist the hearing impaired and providing service discounts for the deaf, hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired; (8) complying with federal CPNI rules and other applicable consumer privacy protection requirements, including training of employees that have access to CPNI on the rules and procedures for protecting account information and authenticating callers; and (9) implementing procedures that are consistent with the FTC's guidance on measures to detect/prevent identity theft (Red Flag).

In addition, the Company adheres to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services we publish the acceptable use policy, open internet disclosure, and accessibility policy on the website; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C. 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3 we publish or price list on the website, also promote products using our website, bill stuffers, TV commercials, radio spots, newspaper ads, and direct mail. Copies of all pricing, products, and current promotions are available at our two lobby locations, 505 3rd Ave East, Oneonta, AL 35121 and 113 South Main Street, Arab, AL 35016.

The Company furthermore will comply with all requirements set forth in the 2015 Open Internet Order when it becomes effective.

**Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC
Line 610**

Functionality in Emergency Situations

The company certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations. The company has permanent standby generators at plant operations centers, host central offices, and 90% of remote locations. Portable generators are used for remotes without permanent generators. All locations have back-up battery power. In addition, onsite technicians are on-call 24-7 and able to access all systems remotely. Company provided cells phones are available for use in emergency situations. Poles, cables, central office, remote, and miscellaneous plant equipment are kept on site to be used for emergency repairs.

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(700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Data
Data Collection Form
FBI Form 483
OMB Control No. 3060-0585 OMB Control No. 3060-0519
Rev. 10/13

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2015
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	19.72

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
Data Collection Form

PCC Form 48.1

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

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(500) Operating Companies
 Data Collection Form

EPA Form 421
 OMB Control No. 3060-0988/OMB Control No. 3060-0815
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<812>	Operating Company	Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company

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Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC (SAC #250283)

Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC hereby certifies that throughout 2014, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, and currently, it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service at with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Brindlee Mountain Telephone LLC (SAC 250283)

**Response to Line 3012 - List of Community Anchor Institutions to Which the ETC Newly
Began Providing Service**

The FCC's *USF/ICC Transformation Order* requires a listing of community anchor institutions to which the ETC newly began providing broadband service. Brindlee Mountain hereby provides the FCC with a list of community anchor institutions to which it newly began providing access to broadband service in calendar year 2014.¹

Number	Name	Address
1	WAFN Radio	511 Arabian Drive, NE, Arab, AL 35016
2	WRAB Radio	619 Brindlee Mountain Parkway South, Arab, AL 35016

¹ The FCC has defined community anchor institutions in Section 54.5 of its Rules as "schools, libraries, health care providers, community colleges, other institutions of higher education, and other community support organizations and entities."